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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Past activity of Subject in Detroit since 1950 set out. Subject was in Detroit 12/11-15/52 and again expressed an interest in the MFO and obtained mailing list of that organization. Subject also contacted IVAN YANKOVICH, who is attempting to reorganize the Friends of New Yugoslavia in Detroit. Subject considers himself an extreme Socialist.

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DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan

SUBJECT'S PAST ACTIVITY IN DETR. IT

On October 9, 1950, Informant Detroit T-1, of unknown reliability, but who was acquainted with Subject for several years in Yugoslavia, advised that Subject had recently been in Detroit where he contacted CYRIL JURKOV, owner of the Davison Quality Market, 2326 East Davison, Detroit. Subject was accompanied by one KURUBINOSKI and both were believed to have diplomatic visas. POPOVSKI, according to the informant, supposedly entered the United States as a newspaper reporter and KURUBINOSKI as a tobacco salesman from Yugoslavia. T-1 advised that he was raised in the same neighborhood as POPOVSKI and KURUBINOSKI and had known both for several years while he lived in Yugoslavia. He stated neither of these men have knowledge of the newspaper business or the tobacco

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business, but have been high representatives in the Communist regime in Yugoslavia. He advised that both of these men came from Skopje, Macedonia, and both were very active organizers for the Communist Party among the young people.

It should be noted that ASPARUK KORUBINSKI, entered the United States at New York City on September 19, 1949, at which time he indicated he was traveling en route to the Yugoslav Commercial Office in New York City in the capacity of a tobacco specialist for the Yugoslav Government. KORUBINSKI departed for Yugoslavia aboard the "Srbija" on October 5, 1950.

T-1 continued that CYRIL JURDPF has a cousin in Yugoslavia who holds a high political office and that POPOVSKI and KURUBINSKI extended greetings to JURDPF from his cousin.

On January 12, 1953, CYRIL JURDPF, who resides at 140 West Hildale, advised that he recalls the visit by POPOVSKI in 1950 but was unable to recall the name of the other man who accompanied him. He advised that he had not seen either man since that visit. He stated POPOVSKI had given him a pair of cuff links which were made by JURDPF's relatives in Yugoslavia who had given them to POPOVSKI to present to JURDPF. JURDPF stated he had sent much food, medicine, and clothing to these relatives a number of years ago and that they wished him to have the cuff links as tokens of showing their appreciation for the above items. JURDPF advised that both POPOVSKI and the other individual first contacted him while he was at work in his grocery store and he feels quite sure that the man accompanying POPOVSKI represented himself as being with one of the Yugoslav consulates in the United States. JURDPF stated he invited both of them to his house for dinner that evening, but at first they declined stating they had other appointments. He advised that later on in the day, however, they telephoned him and stated they would accept his invitation to dinner. JURDPF advised he could furnish no further information concerning either of them and that he has not heard from them since that visit.

Informant Detroit T-2, of known reliability, advised that Subject again visited Detroit from June 8 through 13, 1951, during which time NIKOLA KOZUL of the Yugoslav Consulate, Chicago, Illinois, was also visiting in Detroit. During this

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period, Subject was in constant contact with KOZUL, POPOVSKI, According to T-2, brought with him some propaganda films which were left at the home of BORIS JOVANOVICH, 4340 Audubon. JOVANOVICH owns the Jersey Creamery, 6431 East Palmer, Detroit, and has been described by T-2 as somewhat of a pro-TITO sympathizer but who has no previous Communist activity.

During the above visit, T-2 also stated Subject was in contact with PETE THEODORE, JERRY NOVACHEFF, and SPIRO BOGE.

T-2 described THEODORE as owner of the Radio Cab Company in Detroit who has donated large sums of money to various Yugoslav relief organizations in the past, some of which have been Communist dominated. T-2 advised that NOVACHEFF and BOGE are partners and operate BOGE's Bar, 10625 Shoemaker, Detroit. T-2 stated neither NOVACHEFF nor BOGE are pro-TITO sympathizers, but both of them have relatives in Yugoslavia whom they would like to bring to the United States.

T-2 is of the opinion that the above visit by Subject was to assist KOZUL in cultivating contacts among the Macedonians in the Detroit area.

On June 27, 1951, Informant Detroit T-3, of known reliability, who was also aware of POPOVSKI's visit to Detroit in June 1951, advised that POPOVSKI has also been active in organizing pro-TITO groups among the Macedonians in Gary, Indiana, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The informant stated that the majority of the people contacted by POPOVSKI are those who have relatives living in Yugoslavia whom they desire to visit in the near future. The informant considers POPOVSKI to be a dangerous pro-TITO Communist.

Records of the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, reflect Subject was again in Detroit, having registered at that hotel from August 2 through 6, 1951. During this period Subject made telephone calls to PETE THEODORE, BORIS JOVANOVICH, and SPIRO BOGE. According to T-2 Subject also contacted Reverend Gheorghe PETROVSKI, a Bulgarian priest who is an official in the Macedonian Political Organization.

According to T-2 the MPO is an anti-Communist, anti-TITO political organization which favors a free and independent Macedonia.

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During this visit to Detroit, T-2 stated POPOVSKI had indicated he was attempting to gain a peaceful solution to the differences which presently exist between the Yugoslav Government and the Macedonian underground in Yugoslavia. POPOVSKI appeared to be in favor of the MPO's demand that the churches and schools in Macedonia be separated from the State. POPOVSKI hinted that if a peaceful solution could not be found, pro-TITO groups would be organized among the Macedonians in the United States whose main objective would be to fight the MPO.

T-2 advised that POPOVSKI returned to Detroit on August 24, 1951, accompanied by his wife and stayed at the home of JERRY NOVACHEFF, 14151 Chandler Park, Detroit. The Subject remained in Detroit until August 27, 1951, at which time the informant stated Subject planned to travel to Windsor, Ontario, and Montreal, Canada.

T-2 added that during this visit, he learned that Subject had sent letters to various individuals in Canada who had donated money a number of years ago to the Macedonian Hospital Fund, in an attempt to have some action taken to make the Canadian Government release this money for transmittal to Yugoslavia. According to T-2, the Canadian Government has refused to allow this money to leave Canada and \$5,000.00 is presently in Windsor and another \$4,000.00 in Toronto.

T-2 also advised that he had learned from another reliable source that prior to Subject's visit to Detroit he had been in Cleveland, Canton, and Akron, Ohio, where he was attempting to organize pro-TITO groups among the Macedonians. POPOVSKI supposedly ran into considerable difficulty in Canton, Ohio, when he attempted to hold a pro-TITO meeting.

SUBJECT'S RECENT VISIT TO DETROIT,  
DECEMBER 11 - 15, 1952

T-2 advised that Subject was again in Detroit from December 11 to December 15, 1952, during which time he stayed at the Hotel Detroiter. He stated that POPOVSKI is still working out of the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D.C., and that he very recently returned from a trip to Yugoslavia. During Subject's stay here, he left Detroit for approximately one day; however, the informant did not know his destination.

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T-2 added that Subject is still very much interested in the MPO and requested various forms of literature on that organization. The Subject also requested and obtained a mailing list of the MPO from T-2. T-2 is of the opinion that Subject will undoubtedly use this list in making contacts among the Macedonians and as a means of spreading more pro-TITO propaganda among the Macedonians.

T-2 advised POPOVSKI did not speak much about his trip to Yugoslavia but spoke highly of the progress being made there, adding that there was now plenty of food for everyone in that country.

Informant Detroit T-4, of known reliability, advised that POPOVSKI, upon instructions from DJUKA JULIUS, a correspondent for the Yugoslav newspaper "Politika", contacted him during his trip to Detroit in December 1952. He stated POPOVSKI talked about the ANDRIJA ARTUKOVICH Case stating that ARTUKOVICH was the common enemy of all the Yugoslav peoples. POPOVSKI appeared very much concerned over the fact that the Serbians were doing nothing to help in having ARTUKOVICH punished.

It is to be noted that ARTUKOVICH is a Croatian who has been accused of collaborating with the Nazis during World War II and who is presently residing in the United States and has been considered for deportation to Yugoslavia.

POPOVSKI also informed T-4 that the name of the Yugoslav Communist Party was going to be changed in the very near future; however, POPOVSKI did not indicate what the name would be. In addition, POPOVSKI advised that at one time he was a ~~stalin~~ Communist; however, the attitude of the Russian Communists has changed his mind to such an extent that he now considers himself an extreme Socialist. POPOVSKI also discussed Russian Communism and stated it is comparable to national capitalism, adding that the only difference between that and American capitalism is that one is a national enterprise and the other is a private enterprise.

Informant Detroit T-5, of unknown reliability, a former member of the Communist Party, USA, who is acquainted with various Yugoslav activities in Detroit, advised that he had also learned that POPOVSKI was in Detroit in December 1952. During this

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visit, he contacted IVAN VUKOVICH, 40 McLean, Highland Park, Michigan. Informant was unaware of the nature of this contact; however, he did state VUKOVICH is attempting to reorganize the Detroit Chapter of the Friends of New Yugoslavia and T-6 is of the opinion he obtained a charter for this organization in Detroit sometime during December 1952.

According to Informant Detroit T-6, of known reliability, the Friends of New Yugoslavia is a pro-TITO, pro-Yugoslav organization formed by individuals of Yugoslav extraction who are sympathetic to the Tito regime in Yugoslavia.

Informant Detroit T-6, of known reliability, has advised that IVAN VUKOVICH is on friendly terms with the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C., and was quite friendly with LUDVÍK E. U., who was the former Ambassador at the Yugoslav embassy.

Registration record of the Hotel Detroitor, 2560 Woodward, Detroit, reflect that T-6 was registered there from 3:49 p.m., December 11, 1952, to 11:12 a.m., December 12, 1952.

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